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| Serial No.: | 10/035,290 | Group Art Unit: | 3632 |
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| Title: | MULTIPLE USE BASE HOLDER SYSTEM | | |

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on July 28, 2004.

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**PETITION TO REVIVE AN ABANDONED APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT
THE FAILURE TO PAY THE ISSUE FEE WAS UNINTENTIONAL PURSUING TO 37
C.F.R. § 1.137(b)**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the above-captioned patent application be revived. This application went abandoned on June 9, 2004 because Applicants did not file the Issue Fee Payment in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 8, 2004. As explained below, the delay in filing the Issue Fee Payment was unintentional. Applicants are submitting herewith, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.37(b), the following:

1. Request For Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
2. A Petition Fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) of \$1330; and
3. A statement that the entire delay in filing the Issue Fee Payment was unintentional.

A Terminal Disclaimer is not required to be filed with this Petition because the application was not filed before June 8, 1995.

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Statement that the delay in paying the Issue Fee was Unintentional

This application was recently acquired by Stearns Inc. from the inventors, Dennis and Jeffrey Hancock, and their company, HHH Enterprises, LLC. The acquisition was finalized on April 19, 2004.

Assignment and Power of Attorney documents are filed on the same date as this petition to change the correspondence address for this application to the attorneys for Stearns Inc. However, before this communication, all correspondence from the patent application was sent to Dennis Hancock. Dennis Hancock received the Notice of Allowance for this patent application that was mailed on March 8, 2004. Mr. Hancock did not provide this document to the current assignee, Stearns Inc., until June 22, 2004. As a result, the Issue Fee was not paid by the due date of June 8, 2004. The Notice of Allowance was provided with a large number of unorganized papers related to several issued patents and several pending applications. As a result, it took several days to sort through these documents to identify actions that needed to be taken.


Accordingly, the entire delay in paying the Issue Fee from June 4, 2004 to the filing of this petition was unintentional due to a lack of awareness that a Notice of Allowance had been mailed.



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Respectfully submitted,

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